

REMARKS

In the August 1, 2011 Restriction Requirement that issued in connection with the present application, the Examiner directed Applicant to elect one of two groups of claims for examination. At this time, Applicant elects Group II, which contains claims 21-35 without traverse. Accordingly, Applicant requests that all of claims 21- 35 be examined.

The Examiner also directed Applicant to elect species from within the claim set. With respect to claims contained in Group II, the Examiner identified the following claims as containing species that need to be elected:

- Claims 23, 24, 28 and 32, which include collagen products derived from the caudal tendon, pectoral tendon, caudal ray tendon or intercostal tendon of a marine animal;
- Claim 33, which includes collagen film, collagen membrane, cosmetic collagen mask, collagen sponge, gelatin, microfibrillar collagen, hemostasis sponge, lyophilized foam, collagen injections, artificial dura or artificial skin; and
- Claim 34, which includes collagen incorporated into a bone, shaft, cartilage, skin, screw, stent, or tube guide.

With respect to the species selection requirement, Applicants select: (i) the caudal tendon for claims 23, 24, 28 and 32; (ii) artificial dura for claim 33; and (iii) skin for claim 34. Applicants make these selections reserving the right to prosecute the broader claims as filed including the generic claims, as well as the claims that recite additional species upon the determination of allowable subject matter.

Applicant submits that no fee is due at this time other than the fee for the petition for extension of time. However, if a fee is necessary, please charge deposit account 11-0171

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